

**703: Non interference**

- A. No person shall willfully interfere with any LTCO, or any representative of the Office, including the SLTCO, in the performance of official duties.
- B. Any person who has knowledge of willful interference may report such information to the Office.
- C. Willful interference is a violation of 20 ILCS 105/4.04. A violation is a business offense, punishable by a fine up to \$501.
- D. When a LTCO believes that willful interference is being attempted or has occurred, the LTCO should take such steps as are necessary to prevent the interference by warning the perpetrator of the sanctions provided by law, and, if possible, advising the appropriate supervisor or the administrator of the facility of the situation and the sanctions provided by law. All attempts to prevent willful interference shall be recorded in the case records. If the interference continues, the LTCO shall:
  - 1. attempt to corroborate his or her account of the situation with documentation, witnesses, photographs, or physical evidence. The prosecution of any willful interference may involve a criminal trial, and, accordingly, any corroborating evidence should be carefully collected, preserved, and safeguarded for delivery to the appropriate law enforcement official; and
  - 2. immediately inform the Office about the interference and provide supporting documentation concerning the interference.
- E. The Director, in consultation with the Office, upon notice that all attempts to resolve the issue have failed, shall notify

the Office of the Attorney General or the appropriate State's Attorney that an apparent violation of 20 ILCS 105/4.04 has occurred, and request prosecution of the facility for a business offense under that Act.